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ca. 1880

Clarence E. Thornburg House

Selbysport

Private

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Clarence E. Thornburg House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Old Morgantown Rd., S side, approx. 2/10 mi. W of Yough. R. Lake

CITY, TOWN

Selbysport

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☐ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Clarence E. Thornburg

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 234

Folio #: 298

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☒ UNALTERED☐ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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The house rests on a stone foundation and is covered with brown asphalt siding. The windows are all two over two sash with cornices and plain board surrounds. The facade doors are placed in the two central bays and have singlepane rectangular transoms. The roof of the main block is covered with pressed tin; on the gable addition, the roof is standing seam metal.

The house has three flues: one brick interior end flue at each end of the main block, and one at the center of the gable addition.

The porch is supported by four turn posts with jigsawn quarter-round brackets whose centers contain two turn spindles. The porch balustrade is jigsawn.

The house is in fair condition and appears to be in seasonal use as a vacation retreat.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES      ca. 1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT      unknown

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The duplex house form is a common type of worker housing in many industrial towns in America; its advantages are that it is easily and cheaply built, and is an efficient use of land. The form is common in the George's Creek section of Allegany County, But is no longer frequently found in Garrett County. Its presence here may be due to the fact that Selbysport at the turn of the century was a thriving town of diverse interests, including mining, lumbering, and milling.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Ann Burns, Historic Sites Surveyor

September 1980

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

301-269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

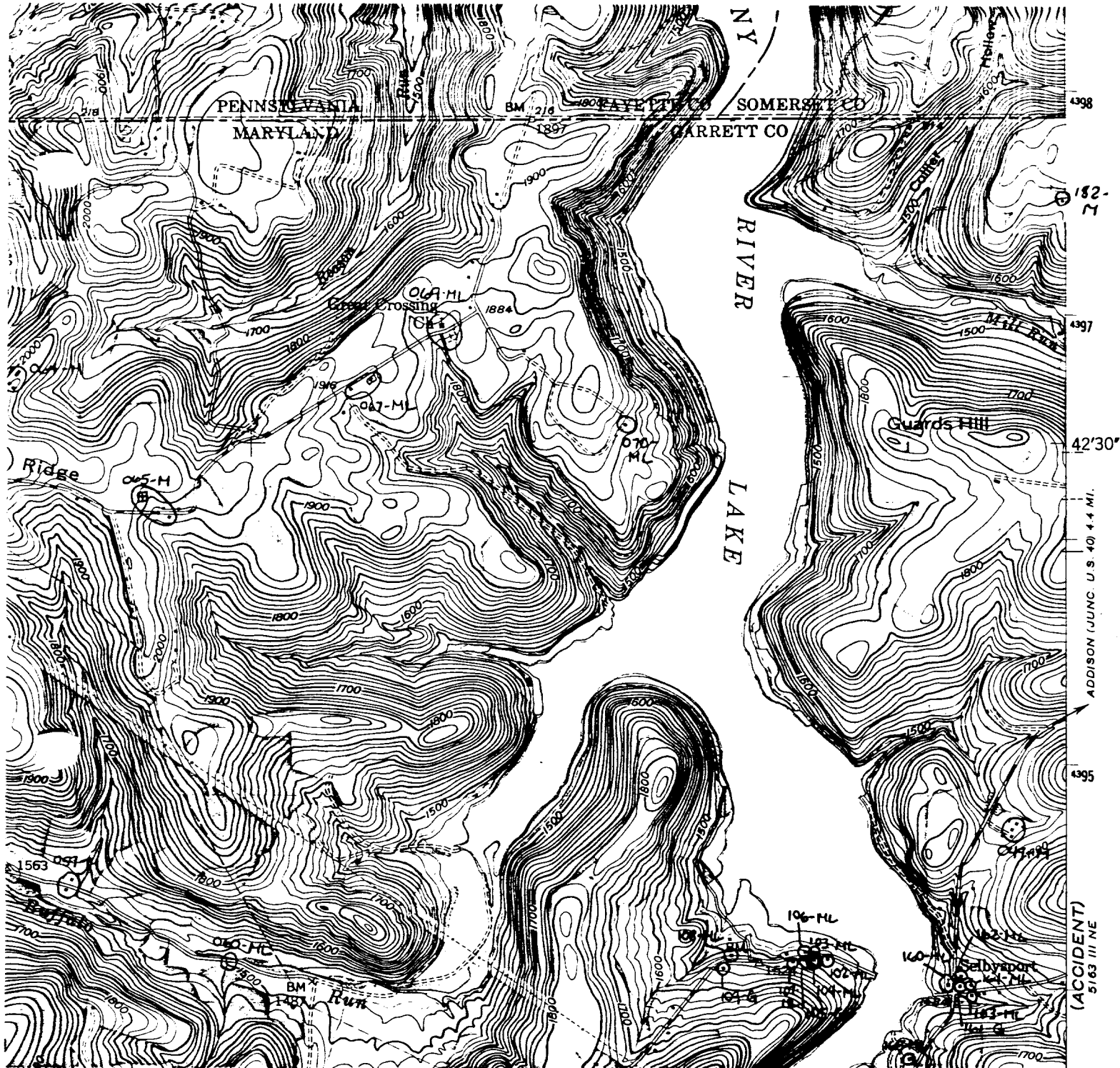
Annapolis

Maryland 21401

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 USGS 7.5 minute series  
 Scale - 1:24000  
 1947; photorevised 1974

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 2/10 mi. west of Youghiogheny River Lake  
 shore, Selbysport



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Facade - N elev; W elev.





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